



2005 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 16

February 17, 2005 - Introduced by Representatives HEBL, POCAN, PARISI, BLACK, BENEDICT, MUSSER, KERKMAN, BOYLE, OWENS, HAHN, PETROWSKI, ALBERS, LEHMAN, VAN AKKEREN, SHERIDAN, KESSLER, TRAVIS, POPE-ROBERTS, SEIDEL, TOLES, BERCEAU, SHILLING, COLON, ZEPNICK, GRIGSBY, STEINBRINK, HINES and GUNDERSON, cosponsored by Senators MILLER, RISSER and KAPANKE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming May 13, 14, and 15, 2005, Syttende Mai Weekend.

2 Whereas, Norway, which means “Northern Way,” is the 5th largest country in
3 Europe, covering 125,052 square miles, and has a population of approximately
4 4,000,000; and

5 Whereas, Norwegian immigrants have made countless contributions to the
6 cultures of Wisconsin and other regions of the United States; and

7 Whereas, one out of every 12 Wisconsinites claims Norwegian ancestry; and

8 Whereas, “Syttende Mai,” Norwegian for “May 14,” celebrates the anniversary
9 of the 1814 signing of the Norwegian Constitution that declared Norway’s
10 independence from Denmark; and

11 Whereas, the Norwegian Constitution is the 3rd oldest in the world, being
12 predated only by the constitutions of the United States and France; and

13 Whereas, Norwegian culture can be found throughout Wisconsin in the cuisine
14 of lutefisk and lefse, in the art of rosemaling, and in the presence of wood-carved
15 trolls; and

